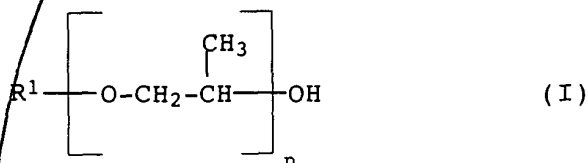


We claim:

1. A fuel composition for internal combustion engines,
 5 comprising a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel
 and an amount, which has a cleaning effect, of at least one
 propoxylate additive of the formula I

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where

n is an integer from 10 to 20 and

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R¹ is straight-chain or branched C₈-C₁₈-alkyl or
 C₈-C₁₈-alkenyl.

2. A fuel composition as claimed in claim 1, which contains the
 25 propoxylate of the formula I in an amount of from about 50 to
 5000 mg/kg of fuel.

3. A fuel composition for internal combustion engines,
 containing a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel,
 30 comprising an amount, which has a cleaning effect, of an
 additive combination comprising

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i) at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I as
 claimed in claim 1;

ii) at least one detergent additive;

if required in combination with at least one lubricity
 additive.

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4. A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the
 detergent additive is selected from a polyalkylamine additive
 of the formula II

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R^2 is a straight-chain or branched polyalkyl radical having a number average molecular weight of from about 500 to about 5000.

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5. A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, which contains the additives i) and ii) in a total amount of from about 100 to 10000 mg/kg of fuel.

10 6. A fuel composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 3 to 5~~, which contains the additives i) and ii) in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to about 10:1.

15 7. A fuel composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 4 to 6~~, comprising at least one polyalkylamine additive of the formula II, where R^2 is a radical derived from identical or different C_2 - C_{30} -alkenes.

20 8. A fuel composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 4 to 7~~, which contains, as an additive of the formula II, at least one polyisobutenamine having a number average molecular weight of from 800 to 1500.

25 9. A fuel composition as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~, which comprises at least one additive of the formula I, where n is the integer of 15 and R^1 is straight-chain or branched C_{13} -alkyl.

30 10. A fuel additive mixture which contains, as intake valve cleaner component, at least one propoxylate according to the definition in claim 1, if required in combination with at least one detergent additive and, if required, together with further conventional fuel additives.

35 11. A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10, which contains propoxylate and polyalkylamine in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to 10:1.

40 12. A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10 ~~or 11~~, which contains as a further additive component at least one lubricity additive.

45 13. A fuel additive mixture as claimed in ~~any of claims 10 to 12~~ formulated as a additive concentrate.

14. The use of at least one propoxylate according to the definition in claim 1, if required in combination with at least one detergent additive, as an intake valve cleaner additive for fuel compositions for internal combustion engines.

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